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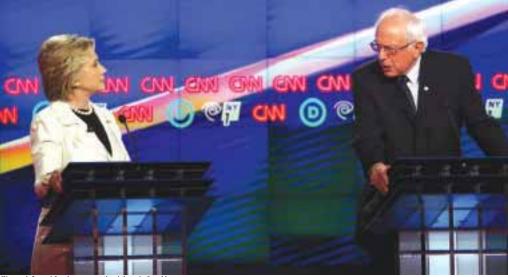
The Obama administration on Thursday unveiled new oil well control rules to prevent the kind of blowout that happened six years ago on a BP Plc rig in the Gulf of Mexico. The Interior Department's Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement announced the finalized regulations, which include more stringent design requirements and operational procedures for offshore U.S. oil and gas operations. The new standards come nearly six years after a deadly explosion and fire on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig off the cost of Louisiana, which led to the worst oil spill of all time. REUTERS

# STRONG OUAKES HIT JAPAN, TWO DEAD, NUCLEAR PLANTS SAFE

An earthquake of magnitude 6 hit southwestern Japan, bringing down some buildings and injuring data. media reported, but the nuclear regulator reported no problems at power plants. The initial quake struck 7 miles east of the city of Kumamoto, the U.S. Geological Survey reported. It said the magnitude was 6.2 but later revised it down. Japanese public broadcaster NHK said the quake registered 6.4. There was no tsunami warning, but Japan's chief government spokesman, Yoshihide Suga, said several buildings had collapsed. He gave no more details. "We intend to do the utmost to grasp the situation," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters. The Kyodo news agency reported that around 40 people were being treated at a hospital in Kumamoto city, some of them seriously injured. REUTERS

# MICROSOFT SUES U.S. **GOVERNMENT OVER DATA REOUESTS**

Microsoft has sued the U.S. government for the right to tell its customers when a federal agency is looking at their emails, the latest in a series of clashes over privacy between the technology industry and Washington. The lawsuit, filed on Wednesday in federal court in the Western District of Washington, argues that the government is violating the U.S. Constitution by preventing Microsoft from notifying thousands of customers about government requests for their emails and other documents. The U.S. Department of Justice did not immediately respond to a request to comment. The government's actions contravene the Fourth Amendment, which establishes the right for people and businesses to know if the government searches or seizes their property, the suit argues, and the First Amendment right to free speech. REUTERS



# Clinton, Sanders battle over qualifications in rollicking NYC debate

The Democratic presidential hopefuls made their cases Thursday night.



The New York City debate between former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders started off with a bang, as both vied for votes in a state with one

of the largest number Democratic delegates in the country.

The bate was held at Brooklyn Navy Yard, in discussion

moderated by CNN's Wolf Blitzer and which featured NY1's Errol Louis.

Blitzer opened the debate by asking Sanders about comments he made at a rally earlier this week in which he charged Clinton was "not qualified" to be president.

Of course" she's qualified, Sanders said, adding "I said that in response to the kinds of attacks we were getting from the Clinton campaign."

"But I do question her

judgment," he continued. She "voted for the war in Iraq, the worst foreign policy blunder in the history of this country, voted for nearly every disastrous trade agreement ... and I question her judgment, about wanting Super PACs, which are collecting tens of millions of dollars from special interests - including \$15 million from Wall Street. I don't believe that is the kind of judgment we need, to be the kind of president we need."

"The people of New

added, prompting a laugh from Sanders. "When from Sanders. asked about a number of foreign policy issues, he could not answer — about Afghanistan, Israel, counter-terrorism.'

Sanders countered that Clinton voted for the Iraq War while he "lad the opposition to that war."

"Do we really feel confident about a candidate saying she's going to bring change in America, when she is so dependent on big money interests?" the senator from Vermont mounting an intense campaign, especially in New York City where he has held almost daily rallies or appearances.

Wednesday Sanders spoke before a crowd of 25,000 to 30,000 people in Washington Square Park, while Clinton held a rally in the Bronx with Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Both are also smarting from some gaffes that emerged on the campaign trail this month. Clinton, who participated in a

scripted, racially charged joke with Mayor Bill de Blasio this week, blamed his office for the problematic joke. Her husband, former

President Bill Clinton, also said he "almost want[ed] to apologize" for the way he engaged Black Lives Matter protesters during a campaign stop this

Sanders also demned remarks by supporter and health care activist Dr. Paul Song, who referred to "Democratic whores" beholden to special interests during his introductory speech in Washington Square Park Wednesday night.

"The people of New York voted for me twice to be the senator of New York. And President Obama trusted my judgment enough to be Secretary of State of the United States."

York voted for me twice to be the senator of New York," Clinton replied, to cheers. "And President Obama trusted my judgment enough to be Secretary of State of the United

"If you go and read Sen. Sanders long interview with the New York Daily News — he talks about judgment, and the kinds of problems he had answering questions about even his core issue: breaking up the banks," she

debate, which ranged from bank regulations to gun violence, comes only five days before the state's Tuesday primary, where 247 delegates are at play, not including 44 superdelegates.

Most polls indicate that if current trends continue, Sanders will be unable to secure enough delegates to win the nomination, but that has not stopped the senator from VISIT OUR NEW DEPARTMENTS FOR GREAT BARGAINS EVERY DAY

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# Experts: Sanders loud campaigning in NY doesn't outshine quiet Clinton

In just the last two weeks, Sen. Bernie Sanders has held rallies — featuring celebrities and live bands — in almost every borough.



Trying to win over the heart of the Big Apple, the two Democratic presidential candidates are taking two very different approaches to winning over voters — one big while the other more low-key.

On Wednesday night, Sen. Bernie Sanders spoke in front of an estimated 27,000 people at a rally in Washington Square Park, which included a performance by Vampire Weekend and a speech by Rosario Dawson.

New Yorkers flooded the streets hours before the rally just to get a chance to "feel the Bern." Sanders previously rallied up supporters all across the city including Brooklyn, the Bronx and Harlem. And he doesn't plan on stopping yet, as two more rallies are scheduled in the upcoming days one in Brooklyn and the other in Queens.

And although Sanders has taken a more large and "extravagant" approach to his campaigning in the city, his competitor, Hillary Clinton, has decided to keep her campaigning to more low-key approach such as holding meet and greets with local residents in Queens and speaking at conferences such as Al Sharpton's National Action Network.

According to David Birdsell, dean of Baruch College's School of Public Affairs, both candidates are sticking to the forms of campaigning that they know best and showcase their views.

"Each candidate is using the kinds of campaign styles that are most adaptive to his and her strengths as candidates and a policy makers and thinkers," Birdsell said.

He adds that rallies tend to be overwhelmingly attended by milleni-



Clinton GETTY IMAGES

als and through gathering up the masses, Sanders is able to get his message across on "overturning the status quo" — and mainly attempting to change the minds of registered democrats.

"He's sort of putting the loudest, noisiest, brightest object out there and hoping someone picks it up," Birdsell said.

And although the crowds are bigger and louder at Sanders' rallies, Birdsell says it doesn't make Clinton a weaker candidate because rallying has never been a big thing for her but instead tries to have voters speak to her.

"Clinton has never been a big rally candidate," he said. "She made it about people talking to her instead of her talking to people."

According to The Wall Street Journal, a recent poll finds that Clinton leads Sanders by 17 percent in New York.

"Rallies aren't necessarily an indication of what happens on Election Day," he said. "But they are good ways to attract attention."

For Michael Krasner, a political science professor at Queens College and co-director of the Taft Institute for Government, Clinton's low-key campaign in New York is an indication that both her and her team are confident of

a win next week.

"She thinks and her team thinks she is playing with the home-court advantage," Krasner said. "I think what they are feeling is that they don't need to be doing extravaganza rallies, they are doing fine as it is plus that's not really her strength."

He added that he believes Clinton is smart to not try to compete directly by trying to stage similar events and finds that Sanders has "touched a nerve in the American public" with his form of campaigning.

"It's a way to reach undecided people," Krasner said about Sanders' rallies. "It's really meant to excite people and touch them in a number of ways."

And although he suggests that Clinton could do more events in New York, instead of leaving the state before the election next week, Krasner does not believe it is going to hurt her much.

According to Krasner, the advantage Clinton has over Sanders is "everybody knows her already."

"It's not like she has

"She made it about people talking to her instead of her talking to people."

to make herself known, [Sanders] still has to make himself known," he said. "It's much more important for him to be maximizing his presence."

One advice that Krasner does say he has for both candidates is that he believes they should both plant their feet in New York — whether in the city or upstate — until next Tuesday, citing Sanders' expected trip to the Vatican.

"This is really make or break for [Sanders]," Krasner said. "If he loses New York it becomes pretty much impossible, so this is really for all the marbles."

# NYPD PROBE

# Fifth police commander reassigned in NYPD corruption probe

A fifth high-ranking New York City police officer has been reassigned in an unfolding federal investigation into whether officers accepted gifts from businessmen with ties to Mayor Bill de Blasio.

The New York City Police Department said that Andrew Capul, a deputy chief, had been transferred to an administrative post in connection with the ongoing investigation.

Roy Richter, president of the union that represents highranking officers, said he was confident that Capul was not a target in the probe and had cooperated with investigators.

Four other commanders were transferred last Thursday, based on what Police Commissioner William Bratton said was information developed in the investigation.

The probe is examining whether police officers received gifts and travel from businessmen in exchange for unspecified

favors, and has centered on two businessmen, Jona Rechnitz and Jeremy Reichberg, according to a source familiar with the matter who was not authorized to speak publicly.

Rechnitz contributed to de Blasio's 2013 campaign, while Reichberg helped raise money for a nonprofit organization controlled by de Blasio advisers to support the mayor's agenda.

The investigation has also included former Chief of Department Phillip Banks, once the police department's highest-ranking uniformed officer, and Norman Seabrook, head of the correction officers union, the source said.

Banks earned \$250,000 to \$500,000 from unspecified investments from JSR Capital Inc, Rechnitz's real estate firm, according to a financial disclosure report Banks filed in 2014.

Rechnitz's lawyer has declined to comment. Reichberg could not be reached for comment. Banks' lawyer has denied any wrongdoing, while Seabrook



Bratton **GETTY IMAGE** 

has declined to comment.

De Blasio told reporters on Monday he was confident his campaign and administration had not committed any improprieties.

"I hold myself and my administration to the highest standard of integrity," he said.

The 2013 campaign committee has hired Barry Berke, a high-profile defense lawyer, to represent it during the probe, a spokesman for the campaign confirmed on Wednesday.

The campaign is also returning 2013 contributions made by Rechnitz. REUTERS

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w Yorkers gathered on the steps of City Hall to advocate for open primaries. Open primaries advocate Jeremy Grover spoke. BESS ADLER

# Independents, advocates call for an end to NY's closed primaries

Advocates say close to 3.2 million voters will not be able to cast their vote on primary Tuesday.



With less than a week before the New York primaries, over a hundred New Yorkers took to the steps of City Hall to call on a change in the state's election system that would allow all voters to have their voices heard - no matter what party they belong to.

Independent voters and advocates of open primaries gathered on Thursday afternoon to shine light on the issue of the state's current closed primaries system which will exclude, they argue close to 3.2 million voters in the state from casting their vote during next week's New York state primary.

"We are here to demand an end to the largest act of voter suppression in the entire state of New York," said Jeremy Gruber, senior vice president of nonprofit Open Primaries. "We are here to demand that New York open up the primaries and let all voters vote."

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ers who had previously registered under the Democratic or Republican parties will be allowed to vote in the upcoming presidential primary — leaving out independent, third-party and unaffiliated voters.

Any independent voters who had wanted to vote in the primary would have had to register with a different political party by Oct. 9 of last year something advocates said most people were not aware of. The issue ironically made headlines this week after two of Donald Trump's children complained about missing the deadline to vote for their dad in Tuesday's GOP pri-

"Putting gridlock and partisanship and wrap-ping it up in a bow and calling it stability is a lie and it's a deception and the American people

know it," said John Opdycke, president of Open Primaries. "Reform must begin with the people, that is our message, that is our vision. We are not a flash in the pan, we are not going away."

Holding signs that read "Closed Primary = Voter Suppression" and "Inde-pendents: First Class Tax Payers...Second Class Voters" rally attendees voiced their outrage with not being able to participate in next week's primary election.

'Citizen voters should not have to join a political party to vote and taxpaying citizen voters should not have to pay for elections we cannot vote in," said Alvaader Frazier, a community organizer and registered independent who will not be able to vote next week.

Earlier this month, City Comptroller Scott Stringer released a report analyzing voting data over the last 60 years and found that voter turnout in New York had reach an all-time low during the last election.

As part of the report, Stringer pointed out changes that could be made to ensure more voters come out to the polls such as allowing voters to register on Election Day.

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Assemblyman Thiele, an independent who has advocated for opening the state's primary election process, also has introduced legislation that would allow independent or unaffiliated voters on Election Day to choose the party they want to vote for and cast their vote.

And although Thiele added that the bills won't be passed in time for the Tuesday election, his goal is to make this year the last for closed primaries.

"We start today. The nation is looking at New York because it's the first time in many years we have a competitive primary," Thiele said. "We are going to seize this moment to begin the open primary process in New

For NYU student AliAkbar M. Hassonjee, who is registered as an independent, one of the big group

of voters being affected include millennials — many of whom are registering under the independent or third parties.

"It's time for generations to stop taking shots at each other, it's time for politicians to realize that they risk alienating an entire population of voters if they refuse to give us an equal seat," Hassonjee said.

And although Thursday's rally was highlighting the issues with the current election, advocates said that this is a movement that will continue to grow and speak out until necessary changes are made not only in New York state but also nation-

"We're here today because we want to talk about who this political system belongs to, whether it belongs to the parties or to the people," said Jacqueline Salit, president of Independent Voting.org.

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# Union Square is going green

Earth Day events will be happening this weekend.



Green is the theme as this year's Earth Day celebration kicks off in Union Square on Sunday with dozens of environmental organizations, green businesses, interactive exhibits, kids' activities, and live performances.

The official Earth Day this year is April 22, but Sunday's festivities will surely get New Yorkers in the green spirit.

"We typically keep the themes of the events as wide open as possible to represent the full spectrum of the environmental community," said John Oppermann, executive director of the Earth Day Initiative.

"We want everyone to be able to find something that resonates with them at our events," he said, adding that there will be a special section dedicated to the sharing economy, including ride share and bike share companies Lyft and Spinlister.

The Earth Day Initiative is a nonprofit that promotes environmental awareness and solutions through partnerships with schools, community organizations, businesses, and governments.

The organization also runs year-round programs such as organic indoor learning gardens, a clean-energy collective and youth environmental

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According to the group's website, Earth Day, first celebrated in 1970, has been a catalyst for ongoing education, action and change. The group's stated mission is to "carry the enthusiasm and spirit of Earth Day into the 21st Century to meet today's environmental challenges."

The events at Union Square will include public officials such as Mayor de Blasio, Sen. Chuck Schumer, and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer to speak about various green initiatives in the city.

There will also be a presentation of the 2016 Earth Day Initiative/Natural Resource Defense Council-NY Awards to the city's department of sanitation commissioner Kathryn Garcia, food advocate and urban farmer Karen Washington, and celeb-



Earth Day in Union Square EARTHDAYINITIATIVE.ORG

rity chef Tom Colicchio, co-founder of Gramercy Tavern and also an advocate for mandatory GMO labeling and fair restaurant labor practices.

Also, City Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez will discuss this year's Car Free NYC campaign, which encourages people not to use their cars on Earth Day and to support expanded public transportation and biking and walking options

in the city.

"The campaign is really a great way to raise awareness around the health, environmental, and societal benefits of making the city less reliant on cars," Oppermann said, noting that this year's Earth Day holds special significance related to last year's historic Paris Climate agreement.

"The Paris agreement laid out a path for us to move forward and sent a signal to governments, businesses and people around the world that this is happening," he said. "We are going to do what it takes to deal with the challenge presented by climate change. We all need to get on board now."





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# New York government panel wants to relax alcohol laws

A New York government panel has recommended that the state's control of alcoholic beverages undergo a "complete reorganization," including allowing the sale of alcohol before noon on Sunday. On Wednesday,

the panel, created by Gov. Cuomo to analyze New York's 80-yearold alcoholic beverage regulations, released its recommendations to update and simplify state laws concerning the sale of alcohol, NBC4 reported.

"We think this would be a positive change for the industry," New York Restaurant Association President Melissa Fleischut was quoted by the New York Daily News as she discussed the possibility of alcohol sales being allowed before noon on Sunday.

Besides the brunch crowd, fans of sporting events taking place overseas would benefit from Sunday morning alcohol sales, the



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Daily News added, since those broadcasts do not necessarily adhere to the needs of an Eastern Standard Time audience.

The government panel also recommended a more streamlined system for bars and restaurants to acquire the proper licenses, which would be reduced from the currently required nine down to three, according to NBC4.

State lawmakers and Gov. Cuomo will now review the panel's recommendations, NBC4 added.

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# With plenty of punch, central bankers wait for the world to drink

Credit growth has flat-lined and an array of metrics indicate the world has become a more cautious place.

Central bankers usually worry about when to remove the punch bowl of cheap finance, but when they gather in Washington, D.C., this week they will face a different problem: how to force the world to drink.

Amid a flood of cheap money and a historic experiment with negative interest rates, households, corporations and banks in the developed world have turned their

backs on borrowing.

In the U.S., households are paying down mortgages instead of borrowing against homes to fund consumption, altering behavior that arguably helped fuel the 2007 fi-



nancial crisis but that also contributed to economic growth. A Chicago Federal Reserve Bank composite index of household, bank and corporate leverage has been below average for nearly four years.

European and U.S. companies are socking away cash, and the Bank of Japan's descent into negative rates has yet to boost consumption, corporate investment, or even faith in an economic rebound.

Even as global liquidity expands, the appetite for it remains moribund.

create "You can't demand from thin air.

What's needed is to create an environment in which companies and households feel confident to spend," said a senior Japanese policymaker directly involved in Group of 20 negotiations that will continue in Washington this week.

The policymakers assembled in Washington will be focused on how to inflate demand. Along with more cautious consumers and companies in developed nations, China is in retreat and likely to scale down investment and purchases of raw materials as its economic transition continues. REUTERS



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# BRIEF

**Brussels metro bomb suspect** talking to police, lawyer says A Swedish man held in Belgium on suspicion of taking part in last month's Islamic State attacks on Brussels is talking to investigators, his lawyer said on Thursday, after Osama Krayem's detention

was extended by a month.

Krayem, who was charged with terrorist murder after his arrest in Brussels last Friday, is accused of being the man seen with suicide bomber Khalid El Bakraoui minutes before he blew himself up on a metro train. Police are still searching for a rucksack Krayem was carrying that may have contained a

"He walked away. He turned back," defense counsel Vincent Lurquin told reporters. "We must ask ourselves why?"

"He's talking. That means the investigation is progressing," Lurquin added, saying his client's cooperation could help understand what motivated the attackers and who gave the

Among five other suspects whose detention was extended by a month was Mohamed Abrini. He is accused of having accompanied two suicide bombers to Brussels Airport before leaving behind a bomb in a bag and walking back into the city.



# YES, MR. TRUMP, THERE IS A CAUCUS CLAUSE

Maybe Donald Trump never made it down to Times Square in the old days, or wagered a dollar over a trio of ratty cards, or enjoyed coffee with a Wall Street hustler. But there is no way Trump has lived in New York this many years without meeting a flimflam artist. So his dismay over what he calls a "rigged" Republican nomination process seems naive at best — ridiculous at worst.

Politics is not all fair and aboveboard, you say? Stunning. Next you're going to tell me Manhattan is an island. Or that there is holding in the NBA.

Of course the game is fixed. The dice were loaded at Plymouth Rock. The cards were marked at Jefferson's kitchen table. This has infuriated voters for ages (except when it helps their candidate)



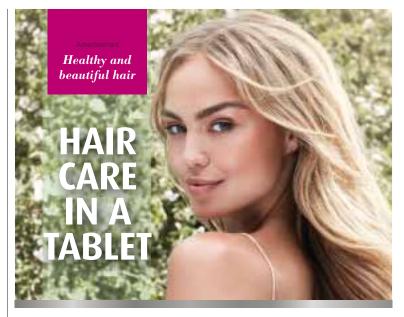
and they have howled for someone to change the way insiders help their own while keeping outsiders ... well, outside. In case you haven't noticed, Mr. Trump, this is one of the reasons many are turning to you. And if you walk around acting like a preacher at a peep show - shocked by the nastiness of it all - you hardly foster confidence.

Trump got his frock in a twist after Colorado Republicans did not conduct a statewide vote, but simply held precinct meetings to elect their delegates to the national convention. Every campaign knew the rules. But while

Trump's team whined, Cruz worked the field and made off with all 34 pledged delegates.

I get that taking offense is part of Trump's act. And of course it is frustrating that the regulations are different from state to state, that they change at the last minute and that in both of the big parties political bosses are tilting the scales. I even understand his surprise to some degree to being buffaloed in the West, because that old song says of New York "If I can make it there, I'll make it anywhere."

But that's just a tune. D.C. is its own kind of tough. My advice to any candidate who thinks this is a dirty game? Buck up. If you can't handle the feeling of being cheated on the trail, you could have a very hard time with the con artists on Capitol Hill.



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# **BRIEF**

### Houston deputy constable expected to recover from ambush shooting

A Houston deputy constable shot four times in an ambush attack when he was speaking to a fellow deputy through a patrol car window is expected to recover from his wounds that required surgery to his chest and abdomen, a law enforcement official said on Thursday.

Deputy Constable Alden Clopton, an 11-year veteran of the force, underwent several hours of surgery at a Houston hospital on Thursday morning after the attack that took place at around midnight, said Pamela Greenwood, a spokeswoman for the Harris County Constable Precinct 7 office.

'Based on what the doctors are saying, recovery looks good," she said.

Clopton was shot four times, including in the abdomen and just below the heart, Greenwood said.

Precinct 7 Constable May Walker told a news conference in Houston, the deputy constable was wearing a bulletproof vest, which may have

"It was virtually an ambush is what it was," Walker was quoted as saying at the news conference by the Houston Chronicle on Thursday.

The gunman fired six times, with one bullet hitting a patrol car and another striking the ground, the spokeswoman said.

Houston police are questioning a person of interest matching the suspect's description but so far no arrests have been made, Houston Police spokesman Kese Smith said.



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# 'Bernie Bae' getting hot around the Web

Leah Kauffman's
"Bernie Bae"
Bernie Sanders pop
video may go viral
like her "Crush on
Obama" video did
in 2006.



From the loins of The Lonely Island's one-hit-wonder, "Dick in a Box," spawned Philadelphia native Leah Kauffman's own "Box in a Box" parody spinoff, and thereby an offspring of viral music videos that have captured millions of Americans' attentions since 2006.

Kauffman has amassed more than 26 million views on YouTube for her satirical "Crush on Obama" video, which she describes as a "Mariah Carey-esque ballad." Now, Kauffman is back with yet another viral pop video, this time in support of Bernie Sanders, also made in Philadelphia.

A 2008 graduate of Temple University and a journalism-degree holder, Kauffinan has spent many years in journalism, having spent time at Philly.com and Phillyvoice.com. She's now the director of content strategy for 50onRed, an ad agency in West Philly.

Kauffinan's "Bernie Bae" music video depicts about a dozen Philly millennials donning "Feel the Bern" and "Bernie Bae" T-shirts and apparel while dancing to an original, catchy pop tune.

"We backed Obama from the start. We wanted change and hope, but then it fell apart. I was feeling hopeless and so cynical. Now you've got me focused. Bernie, you're a miracle," the song begins. "Was gonna vote Hillary — she's not feeling real to me. Won't vote O'Malley. Honestly, who is he?"

In 2007, Kauffman gained notoriety for her "I Got A Crush...on Obama" Internet video, featuring Pennsylvania model and actress Amber Lee Ettinger. In the video, produced by Barely Political.com, Ettinger is seen seductively lipsynching her desire for President Obama, who's pictured shirtless and running on a beach.

ning on a beach.

"I was already an Obama supporter, and I created this character who was physically and intellectually attracted to Barack Obama," said Kauffman. "I then put it against this Mariah Carey-esque ballad."

In 2012, Kauffman admitted she still did still have a crush on Obama, and did recap of everything that had transpired



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A still from the video IFAH KAUFEMAN

politically over the last four years of his presidency. She called the video, "Still Got a Crush on Obama.

"There had to be a new candidate to support. That's how Bernie Bae came to fruition," she said.

"I was really attracted to Bernie's guts. He really says what he means and also I was fascinated by the fact that all of his contributions to his campaign have been from small individual supporters. I found that unusual, and the fact most of my peers are also Bernie supporters, really inspired me to do the video."

Kauffman said her current work at 50onRed allows her a lot more freedom in her off time.

"In the past, I was employed in the newspapers, and they didn't like the way I was expressing my-

self," she said.

"News organizations have opinions, naturally, they can't have when, [do]. This experience was much more enjoyable and freeing for me.

Kauffman said all the participants in the video were volunteers and a local street art designer by the name of Brooks Bell created the mural the dancers are jiving in front of at 4th and Bainbridge streets. Kauffman said she sees no monetary returns from her videos.

"All that was given to the video shoot was because of genuine support of Bernie Sanders," said.

"This video really is Philadelphia for Bernie, whereas the other ones were concepts of characters. This was more of a pep rally." were concepts of characters. This was more of a pep rally.'



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The "Barbershop: The Next Cut" star talks about the serious side of the new comedy.



It wasn't hard for Cedric the Entertainer to get back in the groove of his "Barbershop: The New Cut" firebrand. Twelve years separate the new film from the original's 2004 sequel. But all the performer had to do to was put on the wig and once again he's Eddie: an old-timer who's long cut hair in a South Side Chicago establishment run by Ice Cube's Calvin. But there was another reason to return to the franchise, which started in 2002: Chicago has an epidemic of gang violence. That's just one of many issues the new comedy raises, all while being serious as well as hilarious.

# On Eddie

Your character, Eddie, is one of the most opinionated in the group. Back when the first film came out, there was some controversy about jokes he made about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. But it's not that the film itself was making fun of Rosa Parks or Martin Luther King Jr.

In a barbershop there are a lot of dissenting opinions. There's not a single way to think as a black person. A lot of times we're culturally put into this

A lot has changed since the last "Barbershop" movie. Given how much these films engage with what's going on in America, there are many reasons this film should

We didn't want to come back just to do another trash celebrities, joke about people. We thought it was important the movie had something one group of having one opinion on everything. Eddie's been around a lot longer, and he's free to say what he's feeling. A lot of times there are traditions and you follow along without ever asking why you do it. Everyone does it because everyone else does it. This guy asks, "Why does everyone do it?" That's what I love about this character: He cuts through the norm and allows us to look at it from another perspective even if it hurts sometimes.

to say. It's natural that it's about street violence going on in Chicago.

That becomes the main focus of the film. And it's not quiet about being eager to find a way to fix the problem.

You see parents forced to watch young kids who have so much reckless abandon and don't care

destroy neighborhoods where people have raised families and built businesses. To be in fear of your own block and your own kids - somebody's got to say something. I love when Calvin [Ice Cube's character| says that grown people shouldn't be afraid to stand up and be grown. That's what the movie is about.

It's difficult to find real solutions. A lot of the bigger attempts to curb gang violence have failed.

Hopefully life will imitate art and people will see this film and be inspired to do small things in their community. You have to find people who are willing to fight for these young men who are out on the corner or riding around with guns in their cars. You need to have a conversation and solve it step-by-step. It's

going to take a community

Gang violence is far from the only issue addressed in the film. On a relatively lighter note, it shows a barbershop that has evolved and become co-ed, with a lot of arguments about stereotyping genders.

We talk about relationships and about the misogynistic image of the black male. We had Common and Eve's characters debate the idea that the woman being the bread winner makes the guy less of a man. That's important to explore in this day and age. It's not emasculating when your wife makes more money than you.

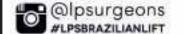




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# "ALL THIS PANIC"



Not what you might expect from an intimate look at New York teens, Jenny Gage's doc is neither alarmist (like "Kids") nor reductive (like "American Teen"). Instead it's empathetic and even thrilling. The subjects

are several high school girls perched in that in-between spot as angst dissolves and young adult life awaits. Eschewing talking heads and "Real World" confessionals, Gage shoots them expressionistically, as though their lives are a dream that will soon be spoiled by responsibilities and disappointments. They're still figuring themselves out, and the world - not just NYC seems boundless. Friday, 4 p.m., Bow Ties Cinemas Chelsea; Saturday, 8 p.m. Regal **Cinemas Battery Park** 

### "ALWAYS SHINE"

First Alex Ross Perry, now Sophia Takal — both indie filmmakers started with scruffy no-budgeters before trying their hands at art-thrillers on slightly less tiny budgets. Like Perry's "Queen of Earth," Takal's "Álways Shine" milks high tension out of very little. Following two estranged friends (Mackenzie Davis and Caitlin FitzGerald) as they struggle to reconnect over a Big Sur getaway, it uses precise long takes and a jittery score to chart their crumbling relationship, which



isn't helped by both being competitive, struggling actors. But even when things turn Lynchian, it never loses sight of its astutely observed prickly interpersonal dynamics, not to mention two peerless performances. Saturday, 10:30 p.m. Regal Cinemas Battery Park

### "BUGS"



Simultaneously enlightening and disgusting, this doc follows a pair of hipster food scientists as they make the case for bugs as the next wave of eating habits. Global population is

skyrocketing, they point out, and we might as well chill to the idea that beetles and bees and crickets and ants could be the next sustainable food sources. Judging from their faces they even taste good, whether imbibed raw or as handsome high-end dishes. Not that "BUGS" only argues for chomping on locusts. As it goes on it becomes a trenchant look at the difficulty of being a do-gooder over the long haul, and not just a demented form of food porn. Saturday, 6 p.m. Bow Tie Cinemas Chelsea

### "BURDEN"

He had himself shot with a rifle for an art piece, he nailed himself to a Volkswagen — and he once tried to explain all this to Regis Philbin. But as this revelatory documentary shows us, even someone as volatile as Chris

Burden eventually can chill out. An architect who reimagined himself as an attention-grabbing performance artist, Burden never sold out; he just became more subversive. Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Regal Cinemas Battery Park



# "DO NOT RESIST"



An activist doc that's as formally exciting as it is blood-curdling, this study of the militarization of the police doesn't need to lecture us to get under our skin. Starting with Ferguson, director Craig Atkinson patiently tracks a

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# Still on holiday

The Dandy Warhols' Peter Holmström on the band's 10th album and what keeps them coming back for more.



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Some songs endure because of a catchy hook or a memorable chorus. And while the Dandy Warhols' "Bohemian Like You" can certainly claim both, their breezy tune about working at a vegan restaurant, casual hookups and inconvenient roommates also has the rare distinction of being even more relevant today than when it was written.

Since it came out in 2000, hipsters went from being a punchline, particularly at the expense of the band's hometown Portland, Oregon, to making beards a familiar sight in boardrooms. Many people and critics took the Dandys' famously laid-back vibe as suburban ennui, with Consequence of Sound even describing "Bohemian Like You" as "a stinging indictment of bougie hipster culture.' As guitarist for the band since their first album in 1995, "Dandys Rule OK," Holmström says Peter that couldn't be further from the truth.

"Oh, it's totally sin-

cere," he says of the sentiment behind the song. "It wasn't hipster culture back then - it was just the sort of weird little neighborhood that [lead singer] Courtney [Taylor-Taylor] lived in that he was trying to

write a song about." And for that matter, he adds, it's worth remembering who's doing the labeling: "Kids are always gonna be doing something, and the generation older is always gonna be calling them something."

Fifteen years later, the Dandy Warhols are back with their 10th album, "Distortland." Holmström sees it as a continuation of their most recent, darker effort "This Machine," but longtime fans will be happy to hear it occasionally veers away from that

vibe all the way back to the fun-in-the-sun feeling of their biggest hit, "Thirteen Tales from Urban Bohemia," especially on the tracks "Catcher in the Rye" and "STYGGO."

Holmström they've known that one would resonate even before the album came out. "We've been playing that one for over a year now, and before people had ever heard it, when Courtney would start strumming those chords they'd cheer. They have no idea what's gonna happen next, but they like it!"

Whatever it makes listeners feel, Holmström hopes it takes them a step out of the real world. "For me, music has always just been kind of an escape. You listen to something and just forget where

you are, forget what's going on around you and sort of just disappear," he explains. "I always want our records to do that for people, 'cause it's not that many other bands' records that do that for me."

Along the 20-plus years they've been a band, every member has dabbled in their own projects, but they keep coming back to the Dandy Warhols - and soldout crowds. So what keeps them together?

"It's the chemistry between all four of us onstage - that does not exist in the same way with other bands," says Holm-ström. "With every other project I'm been involved in, it's been way more of a struggle to have any sort of chemistry like we do. I know that's what keeps me coming back."





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# **KYLE BISHOP**

OPINION

Kyle Bishop is a lead MLB columnist at Rotoballer.com, your secret weapon for winning fantasy leagues.



Patience is an oft-forgotten virtue in the opening weeks of the fantasy baseball season. It's all too human to overreact to extreme performances in the early going, even if the outcome is frequently suboptimal. Nonetheless, whether due to inexperience or simply an itchy trigger finger, some owners are going to feel the need to tinker. If you're one of them, here are a few lightlyowned players who might be worth a spot on your roster. We'll use Yahoo for ownership figures and position eligibility — as they say, your mileage may vary.

# **Brandon Finnegan**

### (25 percent)

Finnegan flirted with a no-hitter on Monday and has 14 strikeouts through his first two starts (12



2/3 innings). There was some uncertainty over whether he'd be successful as a starter, given his lack of a quality third pitch to go with an excellent fastball/slider combo. It's obviously early, but so far Finnegan's changeup looks much improved, and his usage of it on Monday suggests he has confidence in the offering. Not only that, he's added some velocity to the slider.

# **Chris Carter**

(18 percent)

At this point, we know who Carter is — he'll hit homers, strike out a ton, and run hot and cold all season. Despite his flaws, Carter was a useful piece in the two seasons prior to last year's rough showing, averaging 33 HRs and 85 RBIs. He's gone deep three times already in his first seven games, and the Brewers are A) not contending and B) have literally no one else to play first base. If you're in need of cheap pop and can stomach a batting average around the Mendoza Line,

Carter is as good of a pickup as anybody.

# **Jayson Werth**

### (17 percent)

Werth has averaged just 111 games per season since 2012 due to a variety of injuries. 2015 was the worst season of his career, and the end is nigh for the 13-year veteran, who will turn 37 next month. That said, Werth was pretty awesome in the two seasons prior to 2015, hitting .304/.396/.491 with 41

homers, 19 steals and 333 R+RBI in 276 games. Even last year, he maintained his typically excellent plate discipline and batted ball profile. The driving force behind his struggles last season, besides the usual injury issues, was a .253 BABIP, 72 points below his career rate. This was only the second time he'd ever posted a mark below .300, and the underlying numbers simply didn't support it.

# **Adam Conley**

### (7 percent)

Conley's first start of 2016 didn't go as he might've hoped — he gave up three runs in the first inning and didn't return after a lengthy rain delay. However, he showed a huge velocity increase over last season, adding nearly three mph to each of his offerings. One inning is about as infinitesimal of a sample size as can be, but that kind of jump is intriguing. If Conley can sustain it, expect his microscopic ownership rate to follow a similar

# Mets and Yankees weekend look ahead

This weekend the Mets will travel to Cleveland for a three-game set with the Indians, while the Yankees stay home to face the Seattle Mariners.

The story of the Mets' season so far has been a worrisome lack of hitting. They are a league-worst .194 batting as a team going into the weekend, so they'll be looking to get back in sync in the "Sixth

Bartolo Colon kicks off the series on Friday night. Colon took the loss on April 9 to the Phillies, but the only blemish on his otherwise-stellar line was a home run surrendered to Ryan Howard in a 1-0

Saturday afternoon's

game will feature Matt Harvey and Josh Tomlin on the mound. Harvey was solid through five innings against the Phillies last Sunday, allowing just one run to score, before serving up a two-run homer that sealed the Mets' fate in a 5-2 loss. Harvey, usually among the league leaders in strikeouts, has posted a surprisingly low five K's in his first two starts.

Tomlin will be making his season debut, as the expected fifth starter had his first opportunity to pitch rained out last week. His career numbers are modest; 36-30 with a 4.65 ERA and a WHIP of 1.19. The Mets might have a chance at knocking Tomlin out early to get to the Indians' woeful bullpen that's currently ranked 28th in ERA.

# Yankees vs. **Mariners**

Luis Severino will get the ball for the Yankees in Friday night's contest. Severino was tagged for three runs on 10 hits in just five innings of work in Detroit to start his season, but the 3-6 Mariners appear to be a much easier assignment.

His opposite number will be Nathan Karns, whom the Yankees are familiar with from his days with the Rays. The only player with a home run against Karns in 64

combined at-bats is Alex Rodriguez.

On Saturday afternoon the Yankees will get another chance to tee off on "King Felix" Hernandez. No, that's not a misprint. In 219 combined at-bats, the Yankees have hit a robust .283 against the Mariners' ace with eight home runs (Mark Teixeira has six of those).

C.C. Sabathia, who did his share in Detroit while his teammates knocked around Mike Pelfrey in his first 2016 start, will toe the rubber for the Yankees in this tilt. The Mariners had no problem making contact against the veteran southpaw last year. ROBERT CRISCOLA



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The battle between the Rangers defense and Penguins offense will continue to characterize the seven-game series. GETTY

# Rangers are cautiously optimistic about Henrik **Lundqvist's Game 2 return**



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New York is hoping their star goalie is able to start in net against the Penguins on Saturday.



Rangers' Wednesday night's Game 1 loss to the Penguins was pretty bad. But it could have been worse.

Those close to the team surmise that Henrik Lundqvist, who left the 5-2 setback in Pittsburgh after the first period with an eye injury, will be back between the pipes Saturday afternoon (a 3 p.m

puck drop on NBC).
According to ESPN,
Rangers skipper Alain
Vigneault said Thursday that Lundqvist had swelling around his right eye and was scheduled to see a specialist. But he did make sure to point out that Lundqvist's injury isn't "too serious."

The veteran goalie made his 111th consecutive playoff start Wednesday and his Rangers teammates and fans know that if he can go, he will go Saturday. The extra day of rest (most teams have just one day in between

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playoff games) is certainly a positive in New York's

And that has to be a confidence booster to a team that gave up a hat trick to a Penguin who wasn't named Evgeni Malkin or Sidney Crosby to open their trek to repeat as Eastern Conference champions again.

Patric Hornqvist netted three goals and an assist in Wednesday's onslaught, beating Rangers back up netminder Antti Raanta, who allowed all but one of the Penguins' goals.

Some better work on the blue line, paired with Lundqvist in net would give the Rangers a good chance to win Game 2 before things shift back to Madison Square Garden. But neither are guaran-

The Rangers will also need to locate their offense. They looked stifled by Pittsburgh third-string goalie Jeff Zatkoff who stepped in and looked like a pro stopping 35 New York shots (with rookie standout Matt Murray and Marc-Andre Fleury both unable to start).

"You just have to make sure you're staying ready in case the team needs you and finding you times to get on the ice to get those shots and get that work," Zatkoff said. "Obviously not the circumstances you want to come in."

The Rangers could have success if they continue to ride the hot hand in the offensive zone who happens to be Derek Stepan. Stepan has six goals in his last six games including last night and a lack of spark on offense could put New York in a deep 0-2 hole.

As insurance for a lingering Lundqvist injury, the Rangers have recalled Magnus Hellberg just in case they need a backup for Raanta. The young goalie played in 53 games with Hartford, and has a 30-20-3 record and a 2.40 GAA. He made his NHL debut on Dec. 20.

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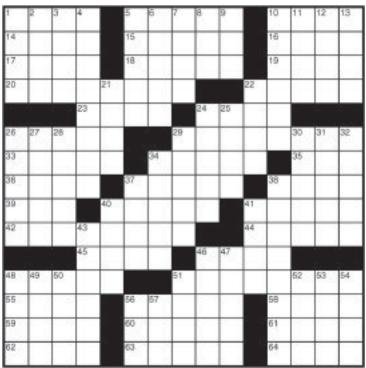
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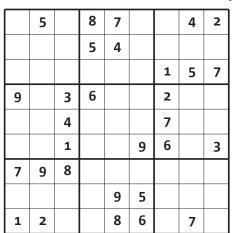
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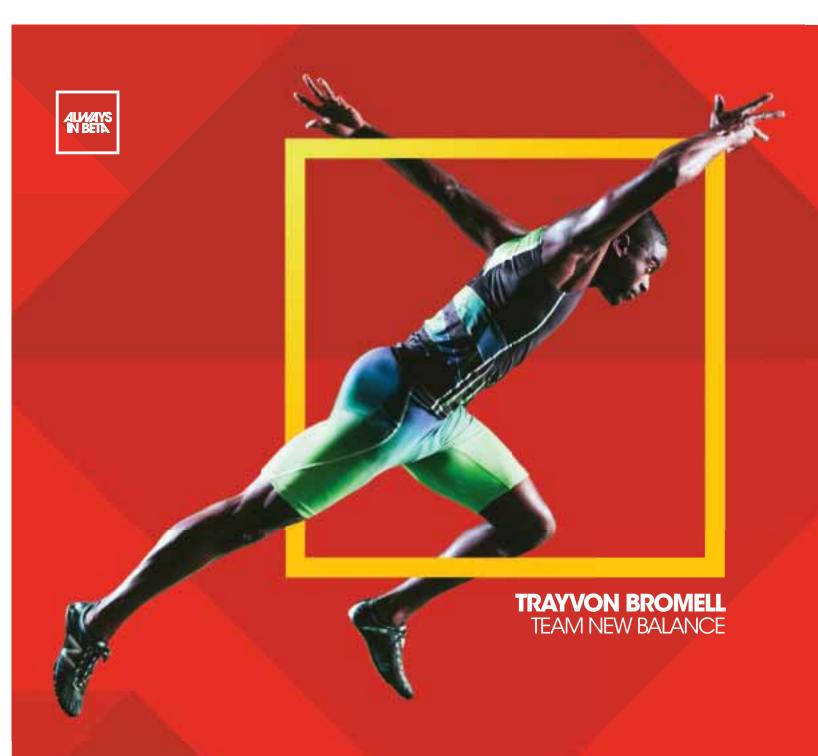
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